

LASSE NIELSEN MIRABELLEVEJ 10 2400 KØBENHAVN NV

Attest nr. 300226



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Danmark. Tofarvet Udgave.

48 Skilling lilla/brun
med tyk ret ramme (1870).
Vandmærke stor krone.
Linietakket 12 1/2.
Ubrugt med original gummi, hængslet.

Katalognummer efter AFA 2004: 21.

Bedømmelse: Ægte og uden reparation.
Kvalitet: Meget godt eksemplar.

12. Januar 2004

Lasse Nielsen

1864 Large Ovals Introduction

The war of 1864 was lost; many men had been killed or wounded; the moral of the people was low; the prewar postage stamps were unattractive and out of date. To help boost the spirits of the people it was decided to issue new postage stamps - more attractive and with the modern perforations intended to facilitate removal of stamps from the printed sheet. The stamp series called the Large Ovals were born with the 4 skilling, released in May 1864. Over the next four years the remaining denominations were deployed ending with the 8 skilling in March of 1868.

The stamps were printed on paper with a crown watermark. All denominations were perforated using a comb type tool providing $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ gauge perforation, except the last part of the last printings of the 2, 3, 8, 16 skilling stamps. These stamps were perforated using a line type tool that provided perforations $12\frac{1}{2}$ on all sides. The catalogues assign unique numbers to these stamps but I have elected to include these relative rarities with their $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ gauge sisters.

You will find in this presentation many rare items plus something you have never seen - covers with stamps whose perforations have been removed by the senders of the letters. There is one cover for every denomination. Some philatelists look down on them but they are a part of Denmark's philatelic history and very rare. I started collecting them in 1968 with the last one purchased from Thomas Holland in Feb. 2005. I have seen none since.

As introduction below are examples of the stamp denominations of this issue.

Unused



Used



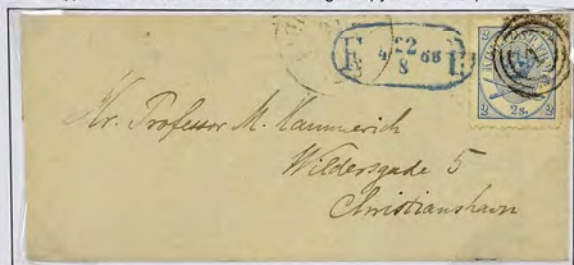
An 1867 cover Copenhagen to Fresno, California with all denominations except the 8sk

The 1864 Large Oval – The 2 Skilling – Printings 1 & 2

The 2 skilling stamp was intended to be used for franking local mail and for supplementary franking on other mail.

Print 1 9.1865
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
Bright blue

A typical local letter franked with a single copy of the 2 sk print 1.



Unused



Hobroe

Print 2 7.1866
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
Dark blue



Used

Mint. Positions A5 - A6



The leftmost stamp has truncated lower left frame line. This is matrix error - 11u.



A letter Copenhagen 29.10.66 to Gram, Schlesvig arrived in Ribe and delivered by courier. The postage is correct but the sender removed the outboard perfs. Why the perforations were removed is unknown; was it a failure to understand the roll of the perforations, or...? Other senders have removed the perforations but few examples on cover remain, resulting in this and similar items being rare.

The middle stamp is with its SW corner truncated (AFA 11v).

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LASSE NIELSEN MIRABELLEVEJ 10 2400 KØBENHAVN NV
Udtalelse nr. 281543

Danmark. 1864 Udgiven.

Parstykke af 2 Skilling blå.

Venstre mærke med afskåret nedre rammelinie.

Tryk 2 (1866), pos. A5-6.

Vandmærke stor krone.

Kantakket 13 x 12 1/2.

Ubrugt med original gummi.

ikke hængslet men med små rustpletter.

Katalognumre efter AFA Special 2002: 11u + 11.

Bedømmelse: Ægte og uden reparation.

Kvalitet: Godt objekt.

17. Marts 2002

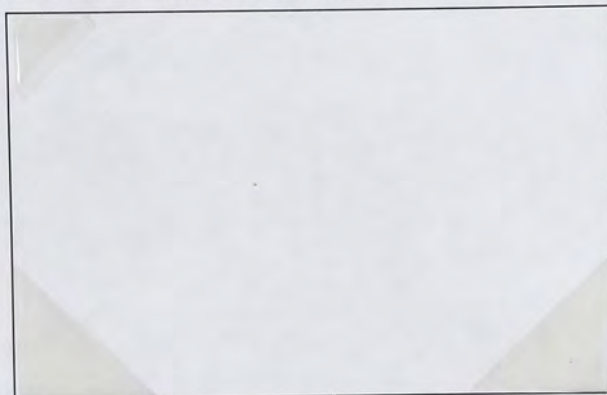
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Printed 4.1867
Blue, ragged perfs



Assens

Folded letter sheet posted Copenhagen 7.11.1868 to Riga, Russia
with the 18 skilling basic letter rate in effect 1.11.1868 - 31.8.1869. ★



The stamps are the 2 skilling third print and the 16 skilling first print.

A postmark on the reverse confirms that the letter went via Keil - Hamburg. There is also on the reverse the Riga receival postmark in Russian.

Three covers are recorded with the 18 skilling rate; this is the only one with this particular combination of stamps and is the only one to the Baltic states. This cover is a one of a kind.

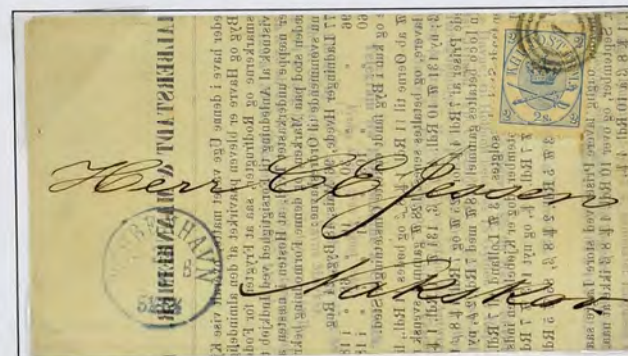
The Large Oval – 2 Skilling Print 4

Pr 4 12.1867

Dark greenish blue on gray paper



Cancelled with Horsen's numeral 30.



Folded printed matter sent 29.8.1868 Copenhagen to
Naksov at the normal reduced rate for printed matter

Man! is this paper thin - about 0.3mm (.0012 inches).

1864 Large Oval – 2 Skilling Print 5 & 6

Pr 5 1.1870

Green blue on yellow paper



Unused



Copenhagen

Pr 6 2.1870

Light blue on parchment



Unused



Skive

A typical domestic letter franked with a pair of the 2 sk print 6 posted 8.4.1857 Holbek to Copenhagen.



1864 Large Oval – 2 Skilling Print 7

Pr 7 11.1870

Line perforated 12½

The rarest of the printings of the 2 skillings Large Oval type

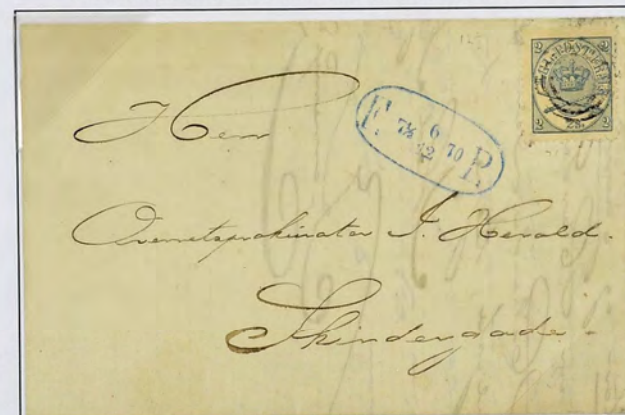


Unused



Railway CxL

Folded local letter sheet posted within Copenhagen on 6.12.70.



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1864 Large Oval – The 3 SK Printing 1

The 3sk was used for franking printed matter and as supplementary franking.

Printed 10.1865
Comb perforation 14 x 13.5
Lilac

Imperforate



R 5

Certified by
Lasse Nielsen

A quote from Lasse Nielsen in 1992 - Genuinely imperforate stamps occur from sheets that by mistake escaped the printers notice. It is a most interesting category, but they are rare. In order to be approved they must have a white edge around the face so wide that it is out of the question that the perforations have been cut off.

Now to the normal 3sk print 1's



61 Ronne



5 Aarhus



59 Rudkjobing



3 Lubeck

The 3 cxl. for
Lubec Last
used 3.1868

A letter posted Copenhagen 8 Dec 1866 to Altona (near Hamburg).



The six skilling postage rate was in effect 19 July 65 to 1 Jan 75. The transit markings on the flap side indicate that the letter traveled by sea to Lubeck, by train to Hamburg and lastly by courier to Altona. Postmarked Copenhagen 8.12, arrived in Altona 9.12. A very fast trip.

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Attest nr. 274136



Danmark. 1864 Udgaven.

3 Skilling lilla.

Tryk 1 (1865).

Vandmærke stor krone.

Utakket.

Annulleret med nummerstempel.

Katalognummer efter AFA 2001: 12.

Bedømmelse: Ægte og uden reparation.

Farven er bleget/forvasket.

Kvalitet: Acceptabelt eksemplar.

24. Juli 2001

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1864 Large Oval – The 3 SK Printing 2

Printed 5.1867
Comb Perforation 13 x 12.5
Violet



These are two different
Copenhagen postmarks.

Copenhagen -
Korsør Railroad

A registered letter posted
Aalborg 10.7.69 to London.
The two 3 skilling and the
one 16 skilling covered the
postage; the registration
charge was paid in cash. All
stamps are printing #2.

The sender removed the
perforations. Very rare..



A complete letter posted
Copenhagen 4.7.68 to
Amsterdam

The 14 skilling postage is
paid by two copies of the
3sk print 2 and one copy
of the 8sk print 1.

3-B

LASSE NIELSEN MIRABELLEVEJ 10 2400 KØBENHAVN NV

Attest nr. 301389



Danmark. 1864 Udgaven.

Rekommanderet brev, fra Aalborg til England, frankeret med:

To styk 3 Skilling lilla. Tryk 2 (1867).
Vandmærke stor krone.
Kantakket 13 x 12 1/2.

16 Skilling oliven. Tryk 2 (1866).
Vandmærke stor krone.
Kantakket 13 x 12 1/2.

Annuleret med nummerstempel 4.

Sidestempel: AALBORG 20/7.

Engelsk ankomststempel:

DENMARK REGISTERED JY 23 69.

Katalognumre efter AFA 2004: 12 og 15.

Bedømmelse: Mærkerne er ægte og uden reparation.
Mærkerne har været aftaget og påsat igen,
men skønnes at være samhörørende med brevet.
Mærkerne er "artighedsklippede".

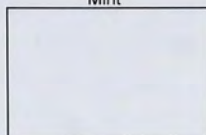
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1864 Large Oval – The 3 Skilling Printing 3

Printed 6.1869
Comb Perforation 13 X 12.5
Lilac-rose on yellowish paper

Mint



Pxxp. N:r2
Sweden RR
Cancel



1 Copenhagen

Printed matter posted Copenhagen 13.11.69 to Carlskrona, Sweden.



R 5

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A very unusual item:

- 1) The item is preprinted matter being shipped to Sweden. As such the postage charge is one half the normal rate.
- 2) The item was postmarked at Copenhagen on the 13th but the oval postmark is a "delayed delivered" mark confirming that the letter was not processed on time.
- 3) The stamp has the matrix flaw - a dot under the lower left 3. The stamp also has part of the lower marginal watermark.

1864 Large Oval – The 3 Skilling Printing 4

Printed 10.1870
Line perf. 12½
Lilac rose

Used



64 Skive

Mint



R 4

C

Mint



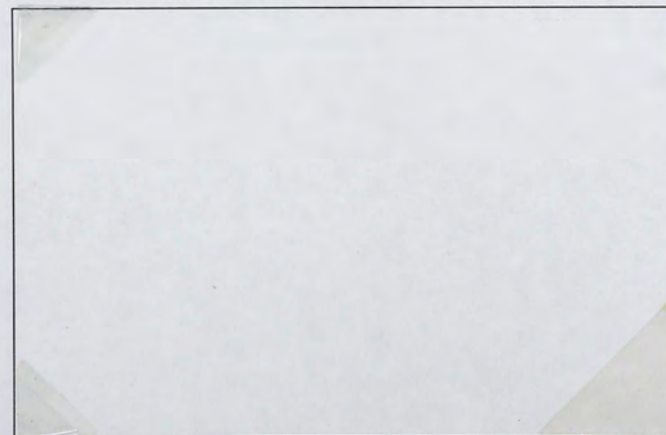
R R

C

Margin Watermark

Mounted with black background to permit easier viewing of the mislocated perforations

A complete letter posted Copenhagen 20.11.1870 to Halmstad, Sweden.



R R

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Letter went by rail to Helsingor, by ferry to Helsingborg, and rail to Halmstad.

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling Printing 1

54 million of the 4sk were issued with 12 printings and significant shade variations within printings. The different printings are differentiated first by the paper, followed by print quality and shade.

Print 1 Printed 1. 5.1864
White paper, sharp print,
carmine-red in shades

Imperf



Example of the color of the new stamp distributed by Postal Administration and in this case cancelled by a postal clerk. Rare

Now to the ordinary first release:-

Light



70 Svendborg

Dark

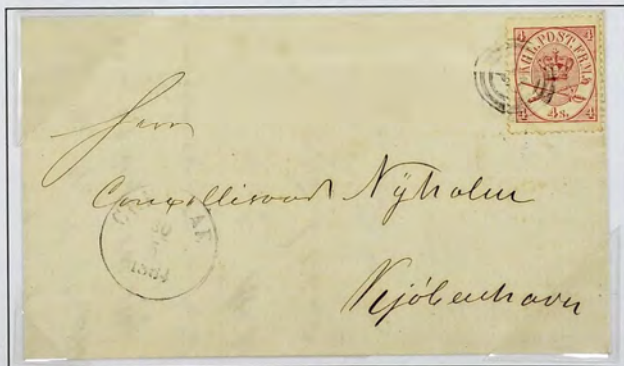


1 Copenhagen

Reddish



1 Copenhagen



Early usage 30.5.1864 Grenaa

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printings 2 & 3

Print 2 Printed 8.1864
Yellowed paper, sharp print
Matt vermilion to orange red.
Frequent perforation slugs.

Letter Svendborg 4.10.1864 to Copenhagen



Vermilion red



Aarhus

Orange red



Frederiksborg

P & O
Joined

Print 3 Printed 2.1865
Comb Perforation 13 x 12.5
Yellowish paper light to dark orange-red, worn clichés

Complete folded letter dated 16 July 1865 Copenhagen to Assens.

Light or-red



Ronne

Dark or-red



Copenhagen



The shade is the dark orange-red

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printing 4

Print 4 Printed 8.1865
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
White paper
Brownish-red defective frame lines



Copenhagen



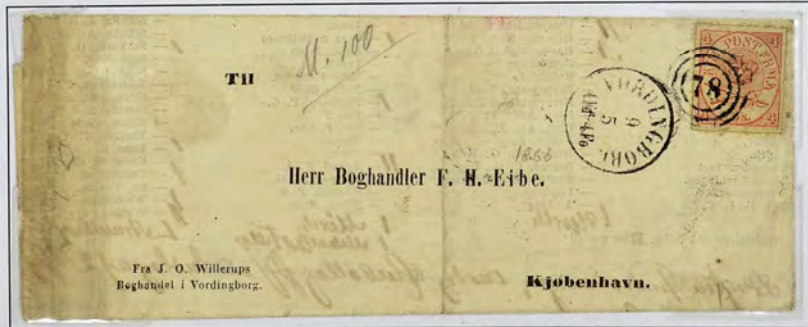
Nibe



Kalundborg



Letter sent Copenhagen 24.12.65 to Asens, cancelled on Railroad.



Sales report posted 9.5.66 by J. O. Willerups of Vordingborg to F. H. Elbe of Copenhagen
Perforations removed by sender - Rare

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printing 5a

Printed 12.1865
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
White paper
Clear red, sharp print



Letter posted 2.3.1866 Stege to Copenhagen. Stamp is bright red shade.

Bright red



Clear red



Norwegian
Postmark



#219 Svinninge a
sub post office on
the Jydske RR.

Rare on this issue.



Letter posted Copenhagen 10.1.1866 to Assens. Stamp is light red shade.

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printing 5b

Print 4 Printed 2.1866
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
White paper
Very pale vermillion-red, sharp print

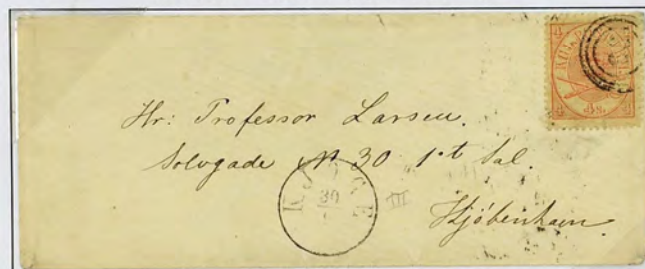


5 Aarhus



24 Helsingør

Letter posted 30.9.1866 Kjøge to Copenhagen



1864 Large Oval - The 4 Skilling Printings 6 & 7

Printed 8.1866
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
White paper, ragged perforations.
Most of the blocks are worn
resulting in spotty coloring.
Color is light reddish vermillion.



Holbaek



Letter posted 15.11.1866 at Roskilde

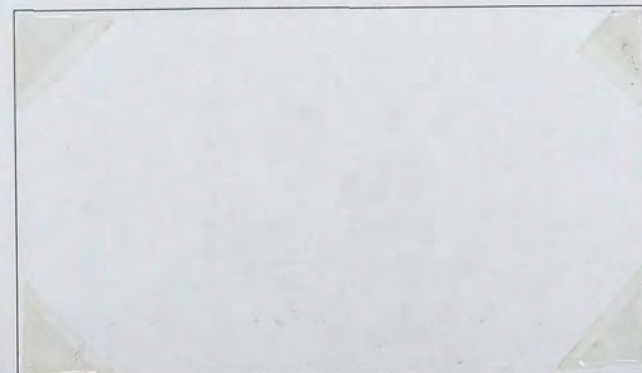
Print 7 Printed 5.1867
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
White paper, rough perfs
light vermillion, sharp print



Kalundborg



Naestved



Letter posted 17.11.1867 Skanderborg to Aarhus

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printings 8a & 8b

Pr.8a 17.1.1868
Comb perforation 13 x 12.5
Thin greyish white paper
vermillion-red, sharp print



Unused

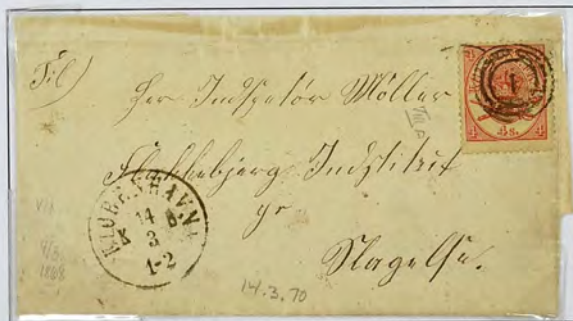


Aalborg



Letter 19.6.1868 to Roskilde

Pr.8b 6.3.1868
vermillion / brownish-red, plump
print, many worm clichés



Letter 14.3.1868 to Slagelse



Brownish-red



Vermillion-red

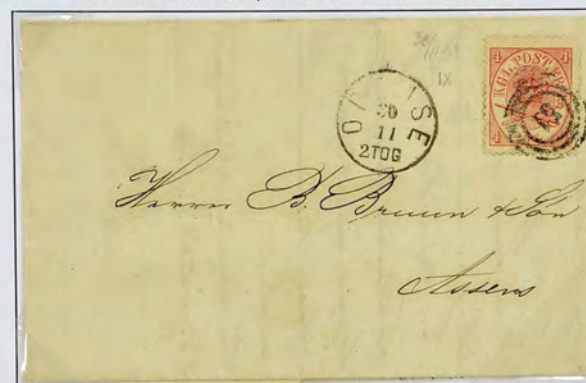
1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printing 9

Printed 9.1868
Comb perforation 23 x 12.5
Slightly grey paper, vermillion-red, sharp print

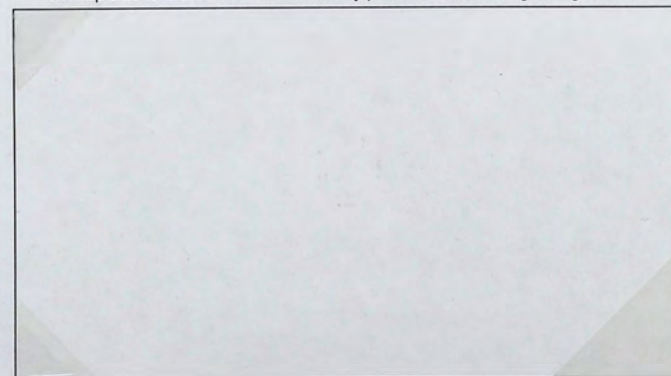


Mint

Letter with full contents posted 30.11.1868 Odense to Assens



Letter posted to Stockholm with stamps canceled on the railroad to Stockholm.
On flap side is a Stockholm local delivery postmark, but no originating marks!



Printed 5.1869

Comb Perforation 13 x 12.5

a) Yellow porous paper, orange red, warn blocks.

Letter posted Skagen 20 January 1870 to Frederikshavn accompanying and paying the postal charges for a small package. The weight of the package was expressed in Kvint (one kvint = 5 grams). This package weighed 65 Kvint as per the notation on letter. The postage charge was 4skilling plus 4skilling for the weight of the package.



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181 RR cxi

Print 10b
Yellow porous paper
Orange red / red
New blocks / sharp print



207 Kvaerndrup



Letter posted Copenhagen 10.1.1866 to Assens. Stamp is light red shade.

Pr. 11a 8.1869 Orange red as in Pr 10;



RA



55 Ribe

Address note accompanying a parcel posted
13.4.1870 Nykjobing on Falster to Copenhagen.

Pr 11b Red on parchment paper

Light red



51 Odense

Clear red

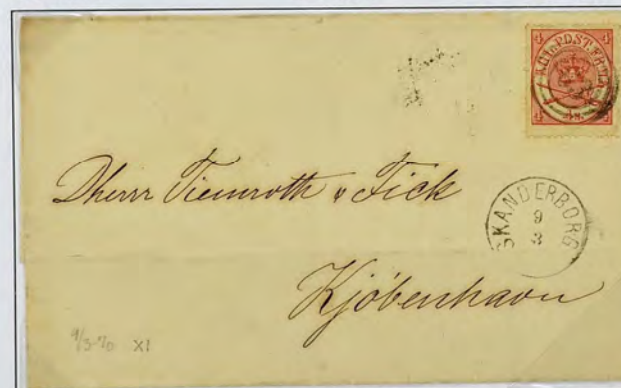


106 Skagen

Rich red



181 RR cxi



9.3.1870 letter Skanderborg to Copenhagen

1864 Large Oval – The 4 Skilling – Printing 12

Printed 4.1870
Comb perforated 13 x 12.5
Parchment type paper, red
with a rose-pink tone.



#4 Aarlborg

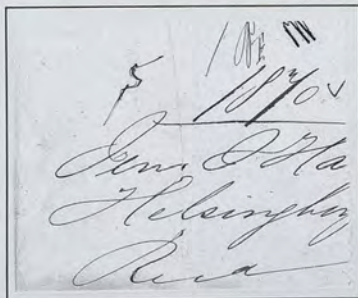


#61 Ronne



Thistrup cancel of the letter
collection office on the route
Aarus - Grenaa

Letter to London posted 23.10.1870 with 14skilling postage made up of - 2sk pr 6, 4sk pr 12, and 8sk pr2; postmarked Sjaellandske JPK and with London "Paid" arrival hand stamp



The clue to the life story of his letter is in this notation on the inside flap and is covered in the note on the page of the * 8 skilling Release 3.

1864 Large Oval – The 8 Skilling – Printing 1

The 8 sk-bco was used for franking double weight letters and as supplementary postage.

Print 1 March 1868 Comb
perforated 13 x 12.5
Grayish brown



61 Ronne



181 Sjaellandske JPK



An address letter accompanying a package weighing 50 Kvint sent from Roskilde to Viborg. The perforations have been removed by the sender. Why? We can guess, but this is a part of the history of the Danish people.



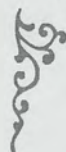
The cover of a registered letter posted from Holbek 25.4.6X to Copenhagen.

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Udtalelse nr. 272710



Denmark. 1864 Issue.

Address letter, from Roskilde to Viborg, bearing:

8 Skilling yellow-brown.

Print 1 (1868).

Watermark Crown II.

(Imperforate).

Numeral cancellation 58

Postmark: ROESKILDE 21/11 1868.

Catalogue number in AFA 2001: 14.

Opinion: Genuine and without repairs.

The perforation of the stamp has been cut off
by the sender.

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1864 Large Oval – The 8 Skilling – Printing 2

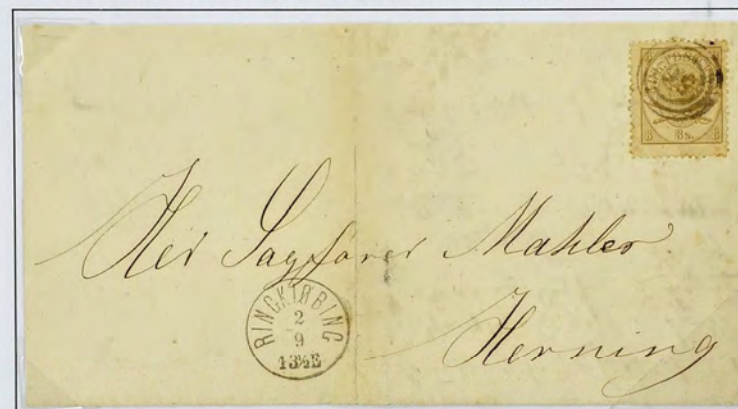
Printed July 1869
Perforated 13 x 12.5

Brown on parchment paper



Copenhagen JPX

A double weight report of accounts, posted 2 Sep. 1870 Ringkjøbing to Herning.



1864 Large Oval – The 8 Skilling – Printing 3

Printed 10.1870
Line Perforation 12½
Yellow-brown



68 Stege

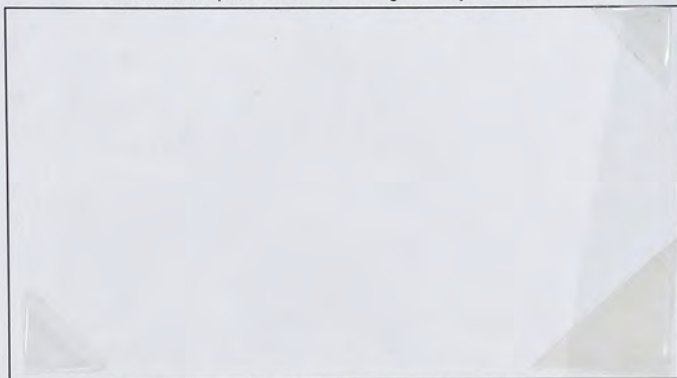


Mint with marginal watermark

R 5



Cover of letter postmarked at Helsingør 7 May 1871 to London.



R 4

The stamps franking this letter are the 8sk line perforated 12½ large oval type and the first printings of the 2sk and 4sk bi-colored type - perforated 13 x 12.5.

The key to a part of the story of this letter is the notation on the inside of the flap.



Here is the Story:

Mr. Harbol wrote the letter in Helsingborg, Sweden 7.5.71. It was taken by ferry over the Oresund to Helsingør and carried the few steps to the Nordsjælland RR post office. There the stamps were purchased and the letter posted. The letter was placed in a pouch and sailed to London from Copenhagen arriving Wustenkopf Brothers on 10.5. In this presentation are several letters posted to these same merchants. What were these merchants selling?

Why was this done? It saved a bit of postage and in-transit time but the real reason was that in crossing over the Oresund one could purchase duty-free goods such as liquor with significant cost savings. At least this was my experience in the 1960's and it would seem reasonable to have been the case in the 1870's.

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Certificate No. 144048



Denmark. 1864 Issue.

8 Skilling yellow-brown.
Print 3 (1870).

Watermark Crown II.
Line perforation 12 1/2.
Numeral cancellation 69.

Catalogue number in AFA 1988: 14A.

Opinion: Genuine and without repairs.
Quality: Very fine copy.

19th July 1988

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1864 Large Oval – The 16 Skilling – Print 1

Used primarily for out of country franking.

Pr 1 7.1864

Greenish dark gray

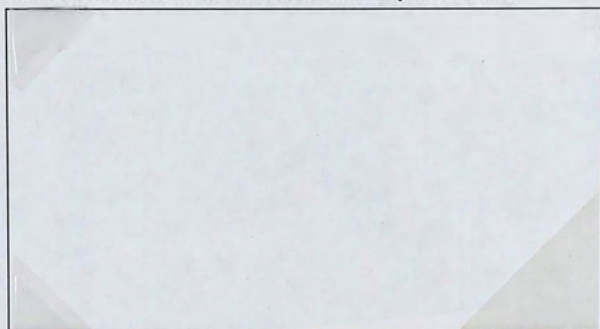


Vordingborg



Sjællandske jpk

This accompanied a parcel providing address information and payment for a package sent from Odense to Copenhagen. The stamp is canceled with the combination #31/Odense JG in blue ink - very unusual/rare.



R 4

C

Pr. 2 6.1866
Olive gray on white paper

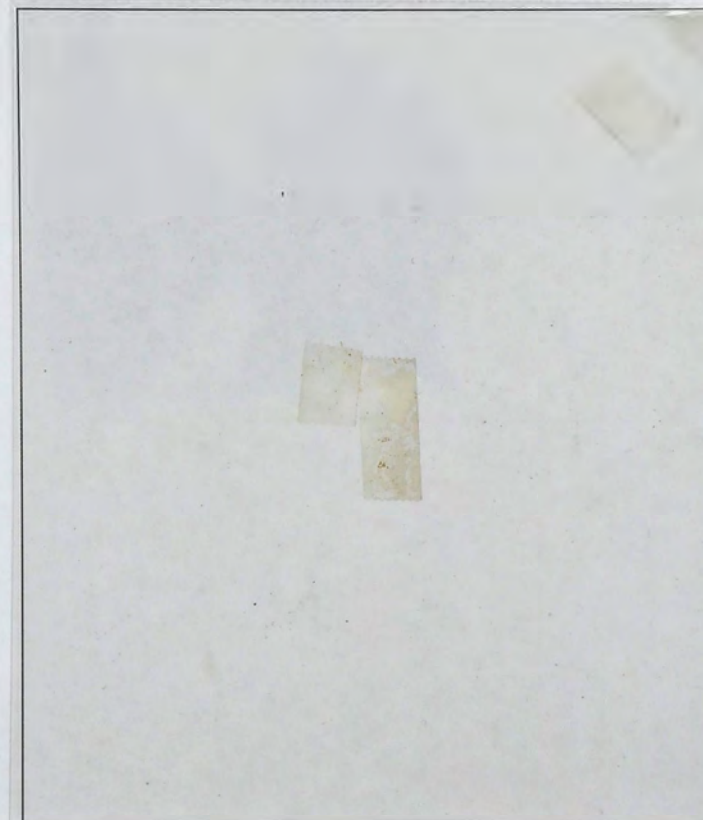


Copenhagen-Korsør railroad



Copenhagen

Registered letter containing 1800 Riksdaler posted 18.3.68 Logstor to Copenhagen. Money loaded into the envelope by postal clerk whose three initialed seals on flap side guaranteed the contents. Clerk also did not like the perforations and removed them before placing the stamps on the cover. Cover has been opened to show back and front. The 116sk charge was 4sk postage, 80sk for 1000Rdl, 32sk for 800Rdl.



R R

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1864 Large Oval - The 16 Skilling Printing 3

Printed January 1870
Comb perforated 13 x 12.5

Greenish olive on yellowish paper

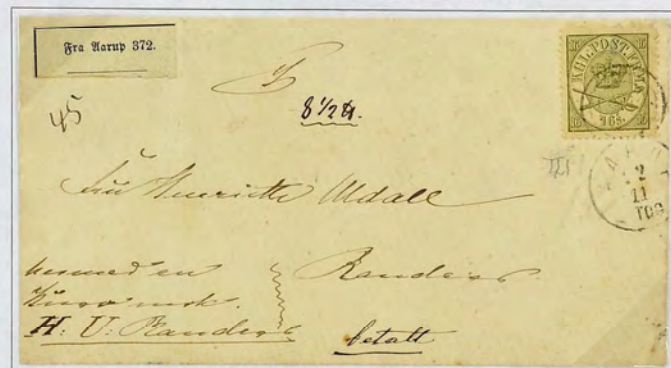


Copenhagen



Sjællandskke JPK

Single franking on an address envelope accompanying
a package posted on 22.11.1870 at Aarup to Randers.



R4

Singles on cover are rare.

142,500 printed Nov. 1870.

Line perforated 12.5

Color gray olive.

Replaced Feb. 1871 with few being used.



Hjørring



Odense Indl



Unused

Split frame line
over the "G".
Matrix error.

Registered letter containing 100Rdlr. Opened to show the seals on the flap side.
The 16sk covered the insurance fee of 4sk./100Rdl, 8sk charge when value is
declared, and a counting charge of 4sk for up to 200Rdl. ★



R R

C

Introduction to the Skilling Denominated Bi-colors of 1870 – 1874

Change is in the air – nothing fancy just something easy to read. The Danes lead the way in Scandinavia with stamps of simple design and readily readable values. The stamps continue to be printed on watermarked paper but in two stages – first the frames all identical followed by an oval center with the value in large print and color discrete by denomination. The earliest printings were perforated using the line type tooling then in use on the Large Oval stamps – but soon changed to comb type perforators.

This is a presentation of all the printings with shade differences and examples of the different usages.

One of the errors committed in the process of repairing damaged frame printing clichés was the inserting of the replacement frame cliché upside down providing a printing variation effecting less than 1% of the stamps and providing an interesting side show for the philatelists.

It is my intention that you will see the whole philatelic picture to the extent that it can be provided in this space and with sometimes limited content availability. There are some great and rare items here along with the less rare and ordinary.

A star above an item indicates something truly extraordinary such as on the next page a pair of stamps on clip - one stamp perforated with the line tool and the other with the comb tool. Two pages containing other true gems are page 5 frame 5 and page 14 frame 5; this last is an attempt to provide some of the background to the Skodsborghus Postoffice – The picture is of much help.

By way of introduction presented below are all the denominations mint and imperforate from a small group of the first printings that were not perforated.



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors the 2sk Prints 1a & 1b

Printings 1a and 1b on clip.

Printing 1a 1.1871
Line perforated 12½



Unused

Right stamp - line perforation 12.5.
Left stamp - comb perforation 14 x 13.5



Postmarked 34 Copenhagen JPX
A very rare pair

Printing 1b 2.1871
Comb Perforated 14 x 13½
Frame light blue gray

Deep ultramarine



Unused

Dull ultramarine



181 RR cxl



17 Fredericia

A single weight letter from Copenhagen to London 2.06.1871.



The 14sk charge is correct for a single weight letter to London.
The 2sk stamp is print 1, the 4sk is print 2-3 and the 8sk is print 1.

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors the 2sk Printing 2

The second printing 8.1871

Dull gray blue/ greenish gray

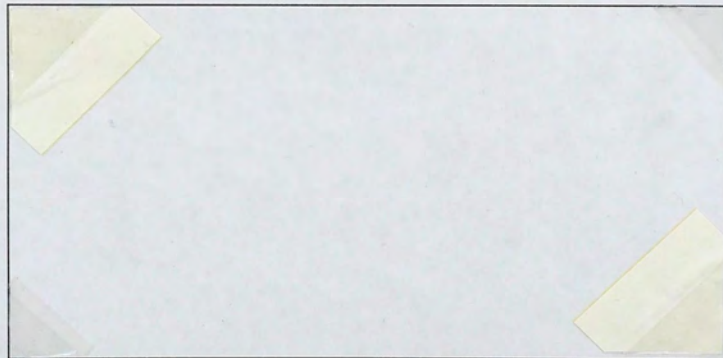


Korsor

Prussian blue/ greenish gray



Letter 24.3.1872 Aarlborg to Hjørring



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors the 2sk Printings 3 & 4

The third printing 2.1872

Dull ultra /greenish gray

Local letter Hjørring 14.7.187(2)



The fourth printing 5.1872

Greenish blue / light gray



Letter posted Copenhagen 24.8.1872 to Helsingør



The Skilling Bi-colors the 2sk Printings 5, 6 & 7

The fifth printing 1.1873
Dark ultramarine / brown gray

Lady's letter 4.12.1873 to a soldier in Copenhagen



Unused



Local letter 9.12.1873



The sixth printing 5.1873
Light ultramarine / Light gray



The seventh printing 10.1873
Green-blue / brown-gray



Unused



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors the 2sk Printings 8 & 9

The eighth printing 1.1874
Dull ultramarine / black gray (sharp print)

Copenhagen footpost letter 17.10.74



Copenhagen
Postmark 21.11



Railroad
duplex cxl.



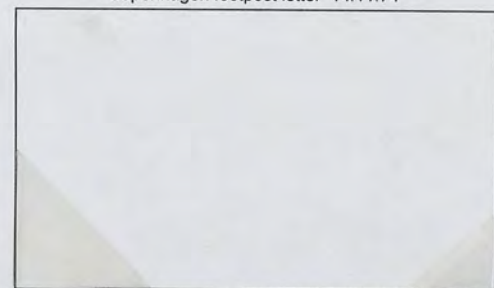
Inverted frame
Pos. A77



The stamp has the frame inverted (Position A18).

The ninth printing 10.1874
Ultramarine / gray (fuzzy print)

Copenhagen footpost letter 14.11.74



The stamp has the frame inverted (Position A18)



1 - Copenhagen



Inverted
Watermark

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 3sk Printings 1 & 2

The first printing 1.1871
Comb perforation 14 x 13.5

Purple-lilac / Greenish gray, wooly print



The second printing 11.1871
Comb perforation 14 x 13.5
Clear reddish lilac, light to dark / Light greenish grey



Unused

Letter Copenhagen 11.1.1872 to Landskrona, Sweden,
typical except that the stamps were cancelled at destination.



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 3sk Printings 3, 4, 5

The third printing 11.1872
Comb perforation 14 x 13.5
Dull lilac / Light brownish grey



Unused

Script February 14
& Stubejobbing #69

Copenhagen

5.3.1873 Letter to Stockholm canceled on the railroad to Stocholm dated.



The fourth printing 5.1873
Comb perforation 13 x 13.5
Dark gray, thin print / Lilac



Malmö

The fifth printing 7.1874
Comb Perforation 14 x 13.5
Mauve / Black grey



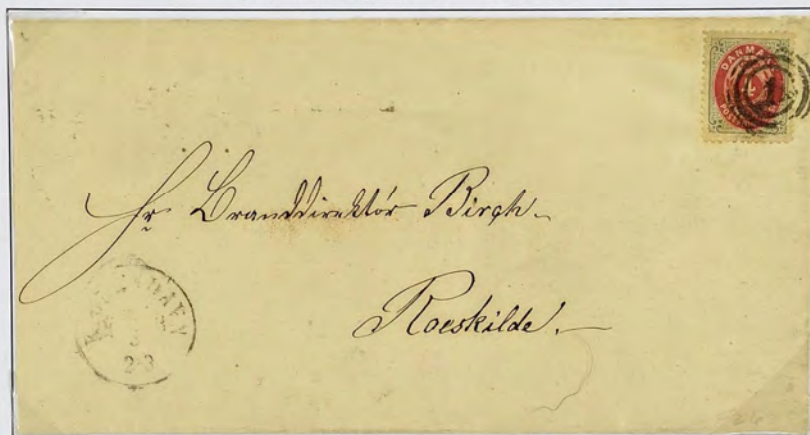
Alpha Flaw

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printing 1

The first part of the first printing 12.1870.
Line perforated 12½.
Carmine-rose / Gray blurred print.



Letter Copenhagen 8.3.1871 to Roeskilde



The main part of the first printing.
Comb perforation 14 x 13½.

Clip from a letter postmarked Soro JPX 24.1.1871.



The stamp has the alpha flaw.

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printings 2 & 3

The second and third prints 2.1871
Carmine-pink (pale) / Gray to greenish gray
Yellowish paper

Very pale Carmine-pink
with gray frame



Pale Carmine-pink
with greenish gray frame



A single weight registered letter from Copenhagen to London 30.10.1871



The Stamps providing the 14sk postage and the 8sk registration charges are the 2sk print 1 with comb perforation and 5 copies of the 4sk print 2/3. The two leftmost stamps having greenish gray blurred print frames and the three rightmost stamps have gray frames with relatively sharp print! It appears we have here prints of 2 and 3 on one cover; but which is which?

Carl Aage Møller . Attest

Bogebjerg 13C · 8400 Ebeltoft · Tlf. 43 97 77 55 · Fax 43 97 77 50 · Mobil 401 55 402

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DANMARK 1870

Tofarvet Skillingudgave:

2 Skilling, 1. tryk, februar 1871, blågrå/ultramarin og
4 Skilling, 2.-3. tryk, februar 1871, blågrå/bleg karminrosa (5
enkeltmærker).

Vandmærke II (stor krone). Kamtakning 14x13 1/2.

Anbefalet brev af 1. vægtklasse sendt fra København til London. Annuleret
med nr. stempel 1. Antiquasidestempel KJØBENHAVN 30.10. (1871).

Linienstempel "Anbefalet". Påtegnet "NB" og kartenummer "203".

4 Skillings-mærkerne har p.g.a. placeringen på brevomslaget let
beskadiget takning. Korrekt frankeret: 14 Skilling + 8 Skilling REC-gebyr.

Mærker, stempler og brev er ægte og samhørende.
AFA katalog nr. 16a, 18.



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printings 4 & 5

The forth printing 11.1871
Carmine-rose / Greenish-gray

Double weight letter Copenhagen to Stockholm 6.7.1872.



Local Delivery
Postmark on
flap side



32 Kalundborg



Inverted Frame
Pos. A90

The fifth printing 5.1872
Carmine-rose / Light gray, yellowish gray

Letter Copenhagen to Stockholm 16.8.1872 at normal rate.



Unused



219 Svinninge



Script cxl.



The stamps are the 2sk print 4 and the 4sk print 5.

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printings 6 & 7

The sixth printing 8.1872. Blurred Print
Carmine-rose / Olive gray



64 Skive



Inverted Frame
Pos. A.90

The seventh printing 12.1872
Carmine-rose / Brown-gray



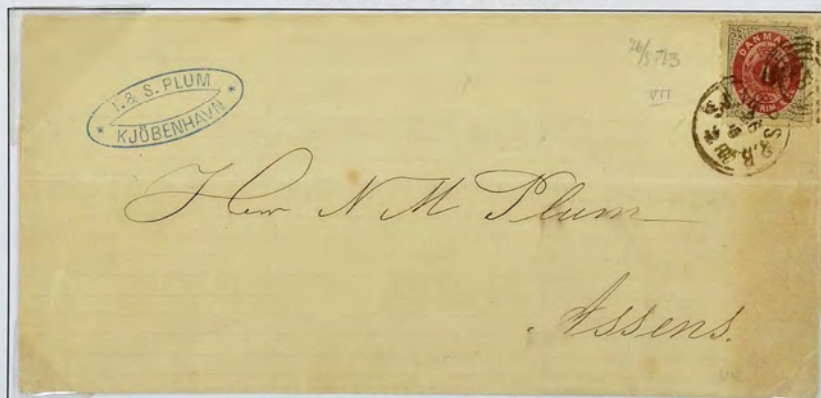
Inverted Frame
Pos. A90



Star Cxl.
Merlos



Letter Copenhagen 26.3.1873 to Assens



The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printings 8, 9 & 10

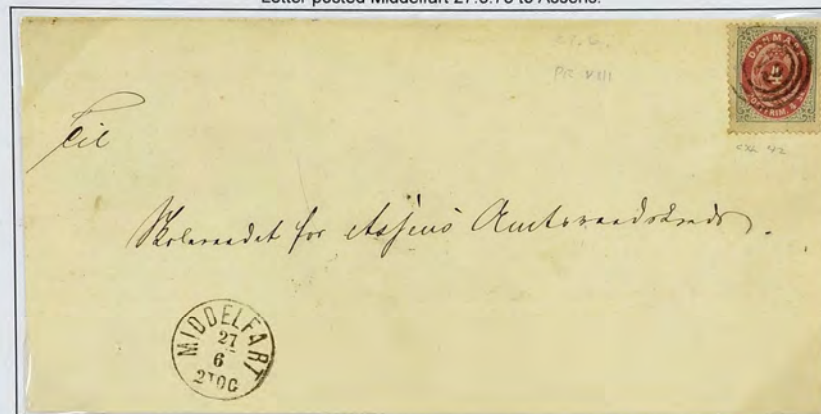
The eighth printing 4.1873
Carmine-red / Gray



Inverted Frame Pos. A90



Letter posted Middelfart 27.6.73 to Assens.



The ninth printing 7.1873
Clear dark lilac-rose / Clear gray worn clichés

Medium Carmine-Red



37 Korsor
PKT/JPX



93 - Store
Heddinge



Inverted Frame
Pos. A45



The tenth printing 10.1873 Carmine-pink /
Brown gray to Gray Distinct print

Brown Gray Frame



Inverted Frame
Pos. A18



Inverted
Watermark



Copenhagen
11.3.1874



28 Holbaek



Inverted
Watermark



Inverted Frame
Pos. A18

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 4sk Printings 11, 12 & 13

The eleventh printing 3.1874
Carmine-pink / Green gray
Distinct print



47 Nykjøbing on Falster
Inverted frame Pos. A77

The twelfth printing 6.1874
Carmine-red / Gray - Black-gray
Black Gray Frame Gray Frame



Inverted frame Pos. A18
Aalborg
Unused
Inverted frame Pos. A77

The thirteenth printing 10.1874
Strong Red / Gray-olive
Slightly woolly print



30 Horsens
Script cxi
Inverted Frame Pos. A18

Letter to Christiania Norway, postmarked on the Korsøruterne railroad 30.11.74, with Copenhagen transit postmark and the Christiania Bypost mark dated 4.12.74.



The earliest known use of this 192 DPSK. P. EXP. NO. 6 postmark was 24.4.1874. This postmark is amongst the rarest postmarks on the skilling denominated bi-colors.

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 8sk Printings 1 & 2

The first printing 1.1871

Dark brown / Bluish gray



Unused
Copenhagen

Dark brown / gray



Copenhagen
Copenhagen

Letter Copenhagen 9.01.1872 to London.



The current 14 skilling postage is paid with two copies 3sk print II and one 8sk print I. The 8sk has the "beta" flaw - The arch at the right end of the lower bar is indented below the bud.

The second printing 1.1872
Dk yellowish br/ gray fuzzy print



Aarhus
15 Faaborg
1 Copenhagen

The Skilling Denominated Bi-colors - the 8sk Printings 3 & 4

The third printing 2.1873
Yellowish brown / bright brownish gray



218 Randers
JPX



Copenhagen



Copenhagen



Copenhagen
Inverted Frame
Pos. 90

Letter to Switzerland posted at Copenhagen 25.6.1874



This 13 skilling basic rate was in effect from 1.09.1868 to 13.12.1874. The black script lower left - U.fr. 1 - is the canton tax. The red script 2 is local delivery charge. The blue script indicates "paid". The stamps franking letter are 2sk print 8, the 3sk print 4, the 8sk print 3.

The fourth printing 7.1874
Dark brown / greenish gray



Unused



1 Copenhagen

The Skodsborghus Postoffice on the Schlesvig border

The 8sk stamp is print 2 with inverted watermark and a rare cancellation.



The 108 cancel was assigned to Skogborghus in 1853 but only used 1.01.1868 to 30.07.1872. This postoffice was on the Schlesvig border about midway across Jutland west of Kolding a foggy low population area - great for smugglers.

Letter posted Skagen the northern-most town on Jutland, to Skodsborghus on the border with Schleswig accompanying and paying the postage charges for a package weighing 40 Kvint as noted on the cover. The 8sk, Print 3, covered 4sk for letter and 4sk for package. While no letters were canceled after 1872 at Skodsborghus, the postoffice did receive mail.



Grænsen ved Skodsborghus.

The Skillings Denominated Bi-colors - the 16sk

The First Printing 1.1871
Emerald green / gray



Copenhagen



Hamburg *def.*



Copenhagen

The Second Printing
Green with Yellowish tinge / Light gray



Mint pair positions 89 + 90 (normal frame and inverted frame). Three unused copies of the inverted frame are recorded - one is a single stamp without gum and the other part of an off-centered vertical pair. This pair is without flaw.



RR

C

Letter posted Copenhagen 20.8.1873 to Mentone, France.



The Skillings Denominated Bi-colors - the 48sk

One printing 1.6.1870 of 265,000 stamps
Line perforated 12½.
Lilac / Brown



C

Unused
Gum Disturbed



A strip of three. Defective but... The 144 skillings carried either a big load or traveled a long way from Helsingør. The color is great.



Inverted frame.
Position 45.



R 5

C